

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL TAU STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Spring Lake Park High School, Spring Lake Park, MN

Saturday, February 5, 2011

President Cory Peters (Beta Alpha) called the Winter Executive Board Meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Tau State, to order on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 9:03 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dianna Brusven (State) – in attendance via Skype

There has been a 40% drop in membership since the budget was developed from 1000 members to 600 members. All chapter dues were delivered on time and have been sent to International.

We received thank you notes from the Wadena librarian for our donation. We also received a thank you from the MN Historical Society donation. Note: We give to the Historical Society because they store our state records.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SONG—Jewell Mendenhall (Mu)

We sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, Love's Old Sweet Song, and I Love You Truly led by Jewell. We sounded wonderful!

WELCOME—Dr. Phyllis Van Buren (Eta)

Breakfast is for everyone today. Phyllis made muffins and sliced fruit for all.

INSPIRATION—Diane Larson (Beta Alpha)

Diane shared readings that helped her when she was caring for her husband during his illness.

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA—President Cory Peters (Beta Alpha)

Additions were made to the agenda as follows under:

Inspiration – Diane Larson

Unfinished Business:

S.H.A.R.E. (Sisters Helping Activate Reading Experiences) State Literacy Project The winning title was submitted by Rosalie Huston (Alpha Rho), It seems to be most appropriate and inclusive of several different types of projects for chapters to initiate.

State Committee Chairs – committee reports, only those that are necessary

New Chapter for state members We have 30 state members at this time.

Budget concerns/Dues concerns

July 15 – Chapter Treasurer's report and E-card 990 form due to Dianna Brusven

A motion was made by Diane Rauschenfels (Kappa), seconded by Lorraine Traut (Eta) to accept the agenda as amended. **MOTION PASSED.**

ROLL CALL—Melanie Reap (Iota), Recording Secretary; Ellen Delaney (Sigma), substituting

- 0 State Founders
- 2 Past State Presidents
- 4 Officers (Elected and Ex-Officio) and substitute (Treasurer via Skype)
- 10 Chapter Presidents (Voting)
- 2 Substitutes for Chapter Presidents
- 8 Committee Chairs/Representatives or their substitutes

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT—Melanie Reap (Iota); Ellen Delaney (Sigma), substituting

The minutes of the Fall meeting were corrected as follows:

Women in attendance at the fall meeting also included:

Arlene Mattson – Past State President

Lois Nordling – Beta Beta

Pat Peterson – AlphaTheta

Carolyn Rosenboom -

Sandy Ruud - Chi

Carole Stockman – Alpha Pi

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the fall meeting as amended Laurie Huston (Alpha Rho) and seconded by Margaret Arney(Alpha Omega)

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dianna Brusven (State)

Dianna Brusven responded to questions.

There was a motion to approve treasurer's report; moved by Diane Rauschenfels (Kappa) and seconded by Joanne Lockner (Beta Alpha).

The Finance Committee will be meeting to formulate a budget for 2011-2013. We most likely will have to have a dues increase. Dissolution of chapters and significant decrease in membership are both factors. The last state dues increase was in 1995. More information will be coming out in March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Cory Peters (Beta Alpha)

I have visited Chi, Pi, and Sigma Chapters this year so far. Cory would like to visit each chapter before the end of her presidency. Visits to Iota, Mu and Eta are coming up this spring. Cory has been a long term substitute for a Delta Kappa Gamma sister for the entire month of January.

The new constitution was passed in Spokane and has been delivered to Cory. The Washington night entertainment was fun. Cory brought a book of pictures for everyone to see.

All state members will get a personal letter from Cory. We are going to propose chartering them as a chapter.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—1st Dr. Phyllis Van Buren (Eta)

Weather has been challenging with 26 members here today. Phyllis is looking for recommendations to improve reservations for meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE—Ellen Delaney (Sigma), Corresponding Secretary

We are moving to fewer written reports and more electronic reports in the future. This will save money.

INTRODUCTIONS – Chapter Presidents

Chapter Presidents introduced themselves and described their chapters.

- Alpha Omega – Marge Arney shared that the chapter has nine members and many travel in the winter.
- Beta Beta – Nancy Welken shared that the members have been recruited by Barb Whiting. There are 31 members with two new this year.
- Nu – Sandra Ekstam shared that the chapter has 49 members with approximately half attending the meetings.
- Beta - Nancy Eliason shared that an 83 year old member slipped and fell. She has been at a rehab center. She was at bridge the day after leaving the rehab center. Nancy is proud of the members with many having been retired for more than 20 years.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Technology training follow up—Laurie Huston (Alpha Rho)

The website is up to date.

The supplement to the directory has been printed and distributed at the meeting. There are 100 resignations or drops to the directory since one year ago. If you are doing an emailing, please check with Rosalie Huston to get updated chapter or executive board contact information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Volunteer Survey— Jan Sorrell (Eta)

If you have not sent in your chapter results for the volunteer survey, please complete it. It will be posted on the website. The deadline now is March 15.

Purchase of LCD Projector – This topic is still tabled.

Update on Tau State Convention, April 29-30— Carole Ann Stockman (Alpha Pi), Diane Larson (Beta Alpha)

The registration forms have been distributed and will be available on the website and the North Star News.

Note: Check the dates – first come, first served for workshop registration.

Program is tentatively set and distributed in a handout. There may be room changes and adjustments to this flier.

All people with demographic or contact information included in documents that will be uploaded to the website must complete a written permission form to post to the website.

Chapter Presidents will print copies of the North Star News for any chapter members who do not have access to the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Tau State Member Directory Supplement - Rosalie Huston (Alpha Rho)

Supplements were distributed. Some members took supplements for other members. The rest will be distributed at our next meeting in order to save money. Please request updated emails and other contact information from Rosalie before gathering.

President Reports – Please send president and necrology reports to Cory as soon as possible.

Strategic long-range planning – there will be a workshop at the convention led by our international guest.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

DELTA Council

Grant in Aid discussion – to be acted upon at state convention – Chapters have been giving \$20 per chapter. We suggest that if a chapter has more than 20 members, they donate \$20. If a chapter has fewer than 20 members, they donate \$1 per member.

Use of International and Tau State Website – We recommend having an email link for chapters to indicate their programs. Each chapter would give example sessions on how to use the website by meeting in a school or public library computer lab.

Fall leadership Training – We appreciated the calendar of dates and deadlines, information on how leadership teams work, and the sharing of project ideas. We recommend that the leadership training next fall be continued. We also would recommend adding a session at the convention for Cheers Meetings.

Concerns of Chapter Presidents – We would like to receive information on international fiscal cuts to reduce costs so we can pass those efforts on to our members.

S.H.A.R.E. Activities – 1) Adopt a family to give books to through their social worker. 2) Donate books to a shelter. 3) Donate a bookshelf and the books in a Habitat for Humanity homes. 3) Provide books to food shelves, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, and abuse shelters.

Membership decreases – none listed

Location of future State Board Meetings – We recommend that we skip the Winter Executive Board Meeting and use email to have any discussion or voting that is needed. We further recommend that we alternate locations for the fall meeting with the convention/conference site. For example, if the convention will be in the cities, we would meet in the fall outstate.

Convention 2011 - There will be 18 Women of Achievement at the convention (one woman will be honored posthumously and her son has asked to speak). We hope the honoree will register for the convention and any guest of an honoree must pay for the meal. Each chapter should decide if a corsage is given and who should pay for it. Diane Larson needs volunteers for Friday's Birthday Celebration. There will be program ideas shared in April for next year.

KAPPA Council

Grant in Aid discussion – to be acted upon at state convention - Change to \$1.00 per member from \$20.00 per chapter. CB Treasurer suggests a chapter increase to \$25.00.

Use of International and Tau State Website – By going to International site, you may also access the state website. North Star News will be posted on the State website. It is the Chapter President's decision to get North Star News to their chapter members.

Fall leadership Training – Time line was appreciated. We all liked it.

Concerns of Chapter Presidents - a follow up to the leadership training session is needed. It is a good and less costly replacement for the summer leadership training we have had in the past. Reminder: both the Chapter

President and Chapter Treasurer have their signature on file with the bank. All checks for the chapter should be signed by both the president and treasurer.

S.H.A.R.E. Activities – One chapter gave money to Book Fair at schools, so kids who had no money to buy books could do so at the book fair. Another had a local author speak. Someone donated personally, boxes of books to homeless families housed in the Salvation Army facility housed in various churches. Books were given to the police department, if police go on a call where there are children, they will donate appropriate books. Someone formed a preschool alliance. The United Way Success by Six program was noted. Information is available on the local United Way website.

Membership decreases – 49 resignations, 51 drops, and 87 lost from chapter dissolution. 1) Do the directory and supplement electronically. Printing is costly. The last directory had 32 pages. This would be through a secure website. 2) Possibly print only the directory. In the off year, do the supplement electronically. Most chapter presidents liked this option best. Reminder: Documentation is important with paper copies for the Society.

Location of future State Board Meetings – Recommend October is outstate and the rest are located in the Metro area. Keep October, it is a good time for new officers to get their feet on the ground. Winter weather is problematic, snowbirds are south, and it is difficult to get a quorum. Run the February meeting electronically. State officers usually handle Society business by email and phone calls. Committees handle things in small groups anyway.

GAMMA Council

Grant in Aid discussion – to be acted upon at state convention – We recommend \$1 per member since it is more equitable than a chapter fee. The chapter fee depends on the size of the chapter and may not be appropriate.

Use of International and Tau State Website – We recommend uploading as many forms on the website as possible and keeping them current. Support the webmaster with classes on Front Page software, using scholarship funds. Consider using “OpenOffice.org” for members who want access to Microsoft Office documents but can’t afford their software. Members find the international website to be cumbersome, hard to use, difficult to access needed items, and their indexing needs a lot of work.

Fall leadership Training – We all appreciated the training and the timing for it.

Concerns of Chapter Presidents – none listed

S.H.A.R.E. Activities – none listed

Membership decreases – We would like to consider a full membership drive. We need to first identify the benefits to membership and articulate them so they will be attractive to everyone who reads them. We will need to identify value for members at different phases of their careers. Once those are articulated, we will search for women leaders in education in MN. They may be in schools or other auxiliary organizations (MDE, ECSUs, etc.). We will invite people to become members based on a carefully articulated plan. Rather than look for immediate membership, we would invite them to a series (perhaps a year) of chapter meetings. They pay for food but not for membership. We give them an opportunity to experience Delta Kappa Gamma prior to membership. This will allow us to determine if they would be good members and for them to decide if membership will add value. At the end of the introductory period, they are invited to join, if appropriate. If every chapter invited five people to experience

Location of future State Board Meetings – We like the fall meeting location in St. Cloud and recommend using a public library, school, church, hotel with food access, or restaurant with a meeting room. We would also reconsider our three annual meetings to be in spring, summer, and fall. Winter is very problematic for travel and technology could be used to keep everyone updated. For the executive board meeting that occurs at the Spring Conference/Convention, we recommend Friday evening. It allows more networking, a more relaxed time at the conference/convention, and is not as frantic as the morning meeting was. We also recommend a later start for the summer and fall meetings; 10:00 a.m. allows more time for travel.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Grant in Aid

A motion was made for chapter donations to Grant in Aid be set at \$1 per member or \$20 per chapter. The motion was Joanne Lockner (Beta Alpha) and Marge Arney (Alpha Omega). After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Nominations Report –

The members of the nominations committee are:

Sally Nyhus (Alpha Omega) Chair, Shirley Deno (Mu), Dianne Gilbertson (Beta Beta), Pat Green (Pi), Delphine Jacobsen (Mu), and Cory Peters (Tau State President, Beta Alpha), ex officio member

The slate of officers for 2011 is as follows:

President – Dr. Phyllis Van Buren (Eta)
1st Vice President – Diane Larson (Beta Alpha)
2nd Vice President – Kathy Patton (Beta Beta)
Recording Secretary – Melanie Reap (Iota)
Corresponding Secretary – open

Ellen Delaney (Sigma) was nominated from the floor by Ann Harnden (Alpha Kappa) for Recording Secretary. Her name will be submitted to the Nominations Committee to be included on the ballot.

End of Biennium Reports – All committee chairpersons and officers will send their reports to Ellen Delaney (ellendelaney3047@gmail.com) by March 1. The reports for the convention will be printed by Rosalie Huston at Anoka Hennepin School District.

Chapter for State Members – Cory will send a letter to each state member to create a chapter through “Go to Meeting.”

Honorarium for the Webmaster – the council recommends that an honorarium be provided to the webmaster for her work on the website.

Finance Committee – A suggested budget will be sent to chapter presidents by March 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, 2011	Tau State Convention, Brooklyn Park, MN
Wednesday, July 27-Saturday, July 30, 2011	Northwest Regional Conference, Edmonton Alberta, Canada

Several members had GOOD NEWS to share. Sigma Chapter President, Karen Hyers, received the National Science and Mathematics Teachers Presidential Award for Excellence.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cory Peters (Beta Alpha) declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Ellen Delaney
Recording Secretary (substituting for Melanie Reap)

Cory Peters
Tau State President